

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
Thursday, May 19, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:12 A.M. on May 19, 2011 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Patricia M. Selig, R.N., F.N.P., Ph.D., President
Peregrin Francisco, R.N., M.S.A.
Allison Gregory, R.N., L.N.P.
Louise D. Hartz, Citizen Member
Judith E. Piersall, R.N., B.S.N. (joined later)
Karen K. Schultz, Ph.D., M.B.A., Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S. Deputy Executive Director
Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Deputy Executive Director
Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director (joined later)
Jodi P. Power, R.N., J.D., Deputy Executive Director (joined later)
Amy Davis, Executive Assistant
Krystal Blanton, Senior Discipline Specialist (joined later)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Nursing students from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College; Southside Regional Medical Center; and Riverside School of Practical Nursing

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM:**

With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Rhonda L. Williamson, R.N. 0001-214696

Ms. Williamson appeared, represented by attorney, Scott Crowley

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Casway was legal counsel for the Board. Sherelle Bradley, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Ann Hardy, R.N., Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions; Alice Goodell, R.N., Nurse Manager, VCU Health System were present and testified.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 11:13 A.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 11:20 A.M.

Ilvey Friebe, M.D., VCU Health System; Kristin Kolbunicky, R.N., VCU Health System; Vicky Rowe, R.N., VCU Health System; Dawn Baumgartner, R.N., St. France Medical Center were present and testified.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 1:16 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:55 P.M.

Jeff Washington, son of patient F was present and testified. Nicole Brooks, R.N., former VCU Health System employee testified by telephone.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hartz moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:55 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Williamson. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn, Ms. Davis and Mr. Casway attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:58 P.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Francisco moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Kazzie and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Gregory moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand Rhonda Williamson and require Ms. Williamson to provide proof to the Board of Nursing of providing a copy of this order to her current nurse manager within 15 days of entry of the order. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

Ms. Piersall, Ms. Douglas, Ms. Power and Ms. Blanton joined the meeting. Dr. Schultz, Ms. Krohn, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Davis left the meeting.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Terisha G. Vaughan, R.N. 0001-125110**
Ms. Vaughan appeared, represented by attorney, Godfrey Pinn.

Amanda Blount, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Casway was legal counsel for the Board. Sherelle Bradley, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Kim Martin, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions; Elizabeth Chaparro, R.N.; Janice Bell, L.P.N.; Kerrie Combs, R.N.; Lawanda Moss, L.P.N.; and Barbara Evans, Secretary were present and testified.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 7:50 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 8:28 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hartz moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:03 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Vaughan. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Power, Ms. Blanton and Mr. Casway attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 11:45 P.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Piersall moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Blount and amended by the Board.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Gregory moved that the Board of Nursing place Terisha Vaughan on indefinite probation for not less than one year of employment as a professional nurse with terms and condition including that she shall not practice nursing until she completes a mental health evaluation by an approved specialist satisfactory to the Board with a written report considered by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Kimberly Harris, C.N.A. 1401--098284**

Ms. Harris did not appear.

Cynthia Gaines, Senior Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Casway was legal counsel for the Board. Sherelle Bradley, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Melissa Kennedy, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions was present and testified.

Ms. Douglas left the meeting.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hartz moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:03 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Harris. Additionally, Hartz moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Blanton and Mr. Casway attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:10 A.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Gaines and amended by the Board.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Gregory moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the nurse aide certification of Kimberly Harris for not less than two years and until such time as she can appear before the Board and provide sufficient evidence that she is safe and competent to resume practice. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 12:12 A.M.

Jodi P. Power, R.N., J.D.
Deputy Executive Director